



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"
Russ Guiney, Director

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

October 11, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

28 October 11, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO
ACCEPT THE DONATION OF IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PERFORMED BY THE FRIENDS OF
ROBINSON GARDENS AT VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept improvement projects valued at approximately \$128,000 performed by the Friends of Robinson Gardens at Virginia Robinson Gardens.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find these projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15302 (c); 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 2 (e) and 3 (b) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987 because the projects involve the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and construction and location of limited number of small new facilities or accessory structures.
2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or his designee, to accept improvement projects, valued at approximately \$128,000 performed by The Friends of Robinson Gardens (Friends) at Virginia Robinson Gardens.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a Thank You letter to The Friends of Robinson Gardens for their generous donation, in form similar to the attached draft letter.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department to accept a generous donation of improvements projects performed by the Friends valued in the amount of approximately \$128,000.

The three general improvement projects completed at Virginia Robinson Gardens, located at 1008 Elden Way, Beverly Hills, CA consist of the rehabilitation of the main residence kitchen, the reconstruction of the Orchid Greenhouse and associated propagation area, and the rehabilitation of the 1911 Chickering quarter grand piano. All improvements enrich the visitor's experience.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by enriching the lives of Los Angeles County's residents and visitors by providing access to cultural, recreational and lifelong learning facilities programs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact to the County. These three improvement projects were completed at the expense and responsibility of the Friends. Upon approval of the recommended actions the County will be in acceptance of improvement projects with an approximate total value of \$128,000.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Based on the recommended actions, the Department does not anticipate any additional one-time or ongoing costs. The provisions of the projects have operating and maintenance requirements which will be fulfilled with existing park staff and resources.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County policy requires that donations of \$10,000 and over be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. Acceptance of this donation is consistent with Government code Section 25355.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Board Letter as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Approval of the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15302 (c); 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 2 (e) and 3 (b) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987 because the projects involve the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and construction and location of limited number of small new facilities or accessory structures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action allows the Department to accept the donation of three improvement projects performed by the Friends. These projects consisted of the rehabilitation of the

Main Residence kitchen, the reconstruction of the Orchid Greenhouse and associated propagation area, and the rehabilitation of the 1911 Chickering Quarter Grand Piano. All improvements enrich the visitor's experience.

The recommended actions will have no impact on any current services or projects at Virginia Robinson Garden.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office and the Department of Parks and Recreation. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a letter of thanks to The Friends of Robinson Gardens for their generous donation, in form similar to the attached draft letter (Attachment I) to:

Mrs. Jeanne Anderson
Friends of Robinson Gardens
1008 Elden Way
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTERHEAD

October 11, 2011

President Jeanne Anderson
Friends of Robinson Gardens
1008 Elden Way
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Dear Ms. Anderson,

At its meeting held on September 20 , 2011, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks, the donation of three improvement projects, valued at approximately \$128,000 from the Friends of Robinson Gardens.

The Board members have requested that I express their sincere appreciation to the Friends of Robinson Gardens for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer